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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, as revised on February 4, 1992, 1135 OG 23-24, Applicant hereby calls the Examiner's attention to documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be material to the examination of this application. As this application was filed after June 30, 2003, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.491(b), copies of cited US patent and US patent application publications are not submitted herewith.

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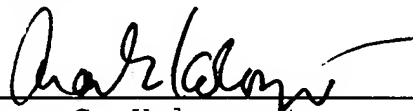
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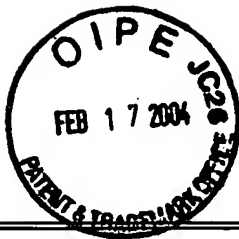
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